



MINUTES

Parks Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mike Sawa, Tom Bridges, Dick Dietrich and Karen Bair

Also Present: Evan Springer, Assistant City Attorney Jay Isenberg, Jeff Madsen, and Zona Lanham

Mike Sawa called the Wednesday, July 14, 2010, Park Board meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

I. Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes:

Sawa stated that meeting minutes from June would stand as presented, unless there were any corrections needed. No corrections were noted. Sawa stated that the minutes would stand as presented.

II. Attorney Reports:

Isenberg stated he was asked at the City Council meeting about putting a sign for Freedom Park on Averitt Road. Discussion followed.

III. Land Purchase:

Isenberg stated that all the paperwork is done for the purchase of the 6.7 acres from the Brights and we are waiting on the check for purchase. Isenberg stated that the finalization of the purchase will most likely be done next week. Discussion followed.

IV. Tracy Trail Smith Valley Road Pedestrian Bridge:

Springer gave an update on the progress of the construction of the Pedestrian Bridge. The Pedestrian Bridge has been set into place. Calumet Construction still needs to pour the deck, add fill and then lay the pathway. Springer stated that completion will probably be in September.

V. Tracy Trail Phase IV Project:

Springer stated that the selection committee has reviewed and graded all of the letters of interest for the construction services and the right of way acquisition services for the Tracy Trail Phase IV project. The selection committee recommended BF&S. Discussion followed.

VI. Freedom Park:

Springer stated that the final inspection was done at Freedom Park. There are several items that Denny's construction will need to take care of. Discussion followed.

Springer said that the entrance sign to Freedom Park has been installed. The median in the roadway along the main entrance has been filled and all trees have been mulched. Traffic barriers have been installed to deter vehicular traffic from getting on the pathways.

Springer stated that Disc Golf baskets have been installed. However, the tee boxes And signage still need to be installed. Discussion followed.

Taggart stated that all the plans have been submitted to the State for the restroom at Freedom Park & to Homeland Security on Tuesday; it will take about 18 days for approval. Water has been installed on the property, waiting on Indiana American Water to transfer ownership. Once that is completed there will be an on site meeting to coordinate water and sanitation construction for the restroom. Discussion followed.

VII. 2011 Budget:

Springer went through the budget summarizing the CCI and Park General accounts that will fund the budget for 2011. CCI money will fund a large portion of the salaries in the 2011 budget. The board received a packet with updated worksheets for changes to the budget requested by Norm Gabehart, Director of Operations. Discussion followed.

VIII. Other Business from the Park Board:

Dietrich asked about the stop sign at Freedom Park coming out of the Bus Garage drive. Isenberg said he would check with the Street Department.

Bridges stated that he has read where a local municipality is actually making money from alcohol sales at events. Discussion followed.

Sawa stated we needed to start a Legacy fund. Discussion followed.

Sawa asked about the Freedom Festival. Springer stated we had a great day and a tremendous show with a huge crowd.

IX. Amphitheater Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Amphitheater Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached). Madsen stated we are in the heart of the concert series and we have had wonderful comments about the great concerts.

X. Recreation Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Recreation Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached).

XI. Community Center Report:

Lanham had submitted the written Community Center Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached).

XII. Parks Report:

Schrader had submitted the written Park Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached.).

XIII. Pool Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Pool Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached). Madsen gave the Park Board the financial numbers for the unexpected expenses at start up this year at the City Pool. Discussion followed.

XIV. Financial Report:

Springer had submitted the written Financial Report to the Board prior to the meeting (See attached). Springer stated that we did receive a draw and suggested to approach the City Council to get an advanced draw to fund our budget through the end of the year. Discussion followed.

XV. Signing of the Claim Sheet:

Sawa stated that the Claim sheets would stand as presented, unless there were corrections needed. No corrections noted. Claim Sheets will stand as presented.

XVI. Sawa Adjourned the Meeting at 7:15pm.

President

Secretary

Recording Secretary